

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q90294

Takayuki ARAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/552,684

Group Art Unit: 1755

Confirmation No.: 3803

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: October 11, 2005

For: CYCLIC ETHER COPOLYMER, COATING RESIN COMPOSITION, OPTICAL  
DEVICES, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF THE DEVICES

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated September 5, 2008, thus providing for timely filing by Monday, October 6, 2008 (as October 5, 2008 was a Sunday).

With respect to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claim 1 (drawn to a cyclic ether copolymer), for prosecution, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of method claims including all of the limitations of an allowable product claim. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

With respect to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect, also without traverse, the species directed to perfluoro-(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxole) as the specific, disclosed species of the compound of formula (I) described at page 5, lines 14-19 of the specification within the scope of the 1, 3-dioxole ring structure-containing compound represented by general formula (I). Applicants additionally elect tetrafluoroethylene [TFE], chlorotrifluoroethylene [CTFE], hexafluoropropylene [HFP], vinylidene fluoride [VDF] and vinyl fluoride [VF] within the scope of the claimed ethylenically unsaturated monomer.

Claim 1 reads thereon.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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